

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 611

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the members of the Maryville Lions Club on the occasion of the Club's seventieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to commend those public service organizations whose members have banded together to serve their community, state, and nation through service projects and other activities of regional, national, and even international scope; and

WHEREAS, the Maryville Lions Club is one such organization and celebrated its seventieth anniversary in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International is the largest volunteer service organization in the world; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement of Lions Clubs International includes the noble objectives to create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation and to otherwise promote the principles of good government and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Maryville Lions Club is an active and vital part of Lions International, and its estimable members endeavor to serve their community in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, the Club's primary charge over the past seventy years has been assisting those with visual problems, especially youths and schoolchildren, which it accomplishes through a number of impressive projects; and

WHEREAS, the civic efforts of the Maryville Lions include the screening of children for sight impairments, which led to the discovery of seventy-five previously unnoticed deficiencies in 2006 alone, and the collection of both money and thousands of dollars' worth of eyeglass supplies for the benefit of the underprivileged children of Blount County; and

WHEREAS, a number of other efforts on behalf of sight conservation evince the Club's service to the good people of Tennessee, such as its involvement with Lions World Services for the Blind, Lion Volunteer Blind Industries, Lions Leader Dogs for the Blind, East Tennessee Lion Eye Bank, and the Tennessee School for the Blind; and

WHEREAS; the members of the Maryville Lions Club also dedicate their time and energies to Kids Trax, Lion Quest, and Remote Area Medical; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Maryville Lions Club is a clear demonstration of the admirable Lions International motto: "We Serve!"; and

WHEREAS, the achievements of the Maryville Lions Club history clearly are worthy of this legislative body's commendation and thanks; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the officers and members of the Maryville Lions Club in celebrating seventy years of superior accomplishments and outstanding service to their community, the State of Tennessee, this nation, and the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank them for their many contributions and offer them our best wishes for much continued success and satisfaction in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.